

Fifty Ninth Legislative Council
of the
Associated Students

Begun and held at the University of California at Santa Barbara, in the City of Santa Barbara on the Twenty First day of October, two thousand nine, in the fifty ninth year of our association.

A Bill

To
Restructure Environmental Affairs Board

Therefore let it be enacted by the Associated Students in the Legislative Council assembled:

SECTION 14. A.S. ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BOARD

A) Charge of the Environmental Affairs Board:

The charge of the Environmental Affairs Board is to protect, preserve and enhance the natural ~~outdoor~~ environment, principally at UCSB and its surrounding communities, but also ~~globally~~ *broadly*.

~~The Board should act to preserve the environment by working with UCSB students to educate and raise ecological awareness, on campus and off~~ *shall accomplish these tasks by focusing on ecology, agriculture, energy, climate change, health, the economy, and environmental justice and racism, as such issues have a direct relation to the environment.* The Board should coordinate with ~~different~~ *other* groups ~~in order~~ to promote environmental perspectives throughout the University and the surrounding communities, *as well as the state, national and global level.*

B) Voting Membership:

- ~~1) EAB Chairperson~~
- ~~2) EAB Vice Chairperson~~
- ~~3) EAB Community Service Chair~~
- ~~4) EAB Environmental Education Chair~~
- ~~5) EAB Current Events Chair~~
- ~~6) EAB Restoration Chair~~
- ~~7) EAB Outreach Chair~~
- ~~8) One (1) Legislative Council Representative~~

- 1) Two (2) Chairs
- 2) Publicity Chair(s)
- 3) Earth Day Chair(s)
- 4) Social Chair(s)
- 5) External Affairs Chair(s)
- 6) Sustainable Foods Chair(s)
- 7) Sustainable Commerce Chair(s)
- 8) Volunteer Chair(s)
- 9) Campus Affairs Chair(s)
- 10) Academic Chair(s)
- 11) Environmental Education Chair(s)
- 12) Secretary
- 13) Treasurer
- 14) Historian
- 15) Any EAB Representative, Coordinator, or Working Group leader that formally commits with the Chairs to regularly attend officer meetings and fulfill voting member requirements
- 16) One (1) Legislative Council Representative

C) Non Voting Membership:

- 1) A.S. President
- 2) A.S. External Vice-President for Local Affairs
- 3) A.S. Controller(s)
- 4) A.S. Committee on Committees Chair
- 5) A.S. Executive Director
- 6) A.S. ~~Student Advocate~~ Attorney General
- 7) ~~Any student present at one (1) regular meeting or EAB function~~
- 7) State Affairs Organizing Director
- 8) Local Affairs Organizing Director
- 9) Any and all interested undergraduate students

D) Selection and Term of Office:

- 1) ~~The Environmental Affairs Board Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Community Service Chair, Environmental Education Chair, Current Events Chair, Restoration Chair and Outreach Chair shall be nominated by the A.S. President and approved by the Legislative Council for a term of one (1) academic year.~~
- 2) ~~If a returning member is available and willing, the Environmental Affairs Board Chairperson should be a returning member.~~
- 3) ~~For the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Community Service Chair, Environmental Education Chair, Current Events Chair, Restoration Chair and Outreach Chair, Environmental Affairs Board shall provide the A.S. President and Legislative Council with a recommendation.~~

- 1) All voting members shall be nominated by the A.S. President and approved by the Legislative Council for a term of one (1) academic year.
- 2) Chairs should be returning member of EAB, either voting or non voting.
- 3) For all voting membership positions, EAB shall provide the A.S. President and Legislative Council with a recommendation.
- 4) The one (1) Legislative Council Representative shall be nominated by the Internal Vice-President and approved by the Legislative Council for the term of one (1) year.

E) Duties and Responsibilities on the Environmental Affairs Board:

1) Outreach to students and student groups on environmental issues, including outdoor recreational programs, such as kayaking, field trips, etc. Organize ~~protests and informational campaigns~~, educational outreach and/or petition drives on pertinent environmental issues such as:

- a) ~~Oil spills from offshore platforms and passing tankers~~
- b) ~~Lagoon pollution~~
- c) ~~Campus and community development projects (such as the LRPD)~~
- d) ~~Water conservation~~
- e) ~~Campus and Community Recycling Issues~~
- f) ~~Environmentally friendly businesses or products~~

- a) Pollution, including issues such as oil spills from offshore platforms and passing tankers, lagoon pollution.
- b) Climate change and energy issues.
- c) Campus and community development projects (such as Green Buildings, Isla Vista Community Development and the UCSB Long Range Development Plan).
- d) Energy and water conservation, as well as recycling issues.
- e) Environmental justice and environmental racism issues.
- f) Environmentally friendly businesses or products.
- g) Issues related to sustainable food.
- h) Broad-based sustainability issues.

- 2) Organize an Isla Vista Earth Day celebration in April.
- 3) Put out a bi-quarterly "Status of the Environment" report in the Bottom Line.
- 4) Seek the involvement of students, in groups or individually, in ~~protecting and enjoying our environment~~ fulfilling the charge of EAB.
- 5) Engage in weekly IV Recreation and Parks Dept. Adopt-a-Block program, including maintenance of ash urns purchased by EAB and SB Redevelopment Agency. This participation is a year-round obligation, with the exception of dead weeks and finals weeks.

F) Duties and Responsibilities of the EAB ~~Chairperson~~ Chairs:

- 1) Coordinate the activities of the committee members, subcommittees, workers and volunteers.
- 2) Serve as an official representative and spokesperson of the Environmental Affairs Board.
- 3) Organize and Chair weekly officer and general meetings.

- 4) Develop and send out a weekly newsletter notifying members of volunteer opportunities, campaigns and other activities.
- 4) Attend at least one (1) Legislative Council meeting per quarter to report on the activity of the Board.
- 5) Hold a minimum of four (4) office hours per week.
- 6) Act in the capacity of any EAB Subcommittee Chairperson, EAB Coordinator or Liaison in the event of that person's absence.
- 7) *Work with all voting members to maintain and organize the office at least once per quarter*
- 8) *Organize a leadership retreat for the beginning of the academic year*
- 9) *Serve as main organizers for the first meeting of the year*
- 10) *Maintain the EAB website*
- 11) *Train successor Chairs*

G) Duties and Responsibilities of the EAB Vice-Chairperson:

- 1) ~~Serve as an official representative and spokesperson of the EAB.~~
- 2) ~~Attend at least one (1) Legislative Council meeting per month to report on the activity of the Board.~~
- 3) ~~At a minimum, shall coordinate and serve as the head of bi-quarterly beach cleanup. Shall coordinate walking sand cleanups.~~
- 4) ~~Maintain and fulfill its official Adopt a Beach agreement with the California Coastal Commission.~~
- 5) ~~Encourage and aid other student groups interested in enhancing the coastal environment to officially adopt other beach areas neighboring the UCSB community.~~
- 6) ~~Encourage the student body and other groups to participate in beach clean-ups.~~
- 7) ~~Responsible for providing adequate publicity for the beach cleanups.~~
- 8) ~~Hold a minimum of three (3) office hours per week.~~
- 9) ~~In the event that there are two EAB Chairpersons the responsibilities and duties of the Vice Chair shall fall to the EAB Chairpersons and the Vice Chair position shall not be filled.~~

G) Duties and Responsibilities of all other voting members:

- 1) *Attend weekly Officer and general meetings.*
- 2) *Hold a minimum of one (1) office hour per week. Office hours should function in a way such that the EAB office is open from 1-5, Monday through Thursday.*
- 3) *Work with Publicity Chair(s) to engage in two (2) hours of outreach efforts per quarter.*
- 4) *Work with Chairs to help office organization efforts at least once per quarter.*
- 5) *At least once per quarter, work with Social Chair(s) to help clean up after weekly meetings.*
- 6) *Train successor officers.*

I) Duties and Responsibilities of the EAB Current Events Chair:

- 1) ~~Keep up to date on various environmental justice struggles throughout the world.~~
- 2) ~~At meetings keep EAB members informed on relevant events that are taking place locally, nationally and globally.~~
- 3) ~~Make contact and correspond with other environmental justice movements around the world.~~
- 4) ~~Organize events such as teach-ins, rallies, petition drives, etc. as needed.~~
- 5) ~~Hold a minimum of three (3) office hours per week.~~

~~J) Duties and Responsibilities of the EAB Restoration Chair:~~

- ~~1) Serve as official representative for EAB on various restoration projects on campus and in the community.~~
- ~~2) Coordinate with EAB Chairperson on restoration projects.~~
- ~~3) Explore the possibilities for restoration projects on campus and in the community.~~
- ~~4) Work with community and campus groups in order to coordinate restoration efforts on campus and community wide.~~
- ~~5) Hold a minimum of three (3) office hours per week.~~

~~L) Duties and Responsibilities of EAB Community Service Chair:~~

- ~~1) Organize the preparation of weekly dinners at the Salvation Army Hospitality House while raising awareness of local, national and global environmental concerns.~~
- ~~2) To organize environmental activities bringing together community groups in order to raise environmental awareness.~~

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- ~~3) Help organize events with the Coalition for Peace and facilitate support from EAB members.~~
- ~~4) Hold a minimum of three (3) office hours per week.~~

H) Duties and Responsibilities of the ~~Outreach~~ *Publicity* Chair(s):

- 1) Serve as an official representative on outreach activities.
- 2) Inform UCSB students and community members of the activities relating to EAB and local environmental affairs.
- 3) Coordinate ~~with current events chair, education chair, community chair, restoration chair, and co-chairs~~ *with all other chairs regarding events and activities that need publicity.*
- 4) ~~Maintain EAB website.~~
- 5) ~~Responsible for recruiting EAB members.~~
- 6) ~~Act as a liaison with other environmental groups such as Increase the Peace, Shoreline, etc.~~
- 7) ~~Hold a minimum of three (3) office hours per week~~
- 4) *Develop outreach materials.*
- 5) *Encourage recruitment of new members by holding one (1) "new interest" meeting at the beginning of the Winter and Spring quarters.*
- 6) *Act as a liaison with other environmental groups that do not have independent EAB representatives.*

I) Duties and Responsibilities of the Earth Day Chair(s):

- 1) *Organize an Earth Day Celebration event in Isla Vista around the time of Earth Day (22 April)*

J) Duties and Responsibilities of the Social Chair(s):

- 1) *Acquire food and other necessities for weekly meetings.*
- 2) *Plan at least two (2) social activities per quarter. Activities include picnics, barbecues, potlucks, and/or parties.*
- 3) *Organize clean up efforts for weekly meetings.*

4) Organize one (1) annual camping trip during either the winter or spring quarter.

K) Duties and Responsibilities of the External Affairs Chair(s):

- 1) Serve as Representative members for the California Student Sustainability Coalition (CSSC).*
- 2) Serve as lead organizers for UCSB's participation in CSSC Convergences.*
- 3) Help organize statewide and national efforts involving environmental and sustainability issues.*

L) Duties and Responsibilities of the Sustainable Foods Chair(s):

- 1) Serve as main liaisons between EAB and other food-oriented campus groups.*
- 2) Work with administration and in general to encourage sustainable food policies in the campus dining commons.*
- 3) Help maintain an EAB garden plot. This may be accomplished by either direct involvement or by working with the EAB Garden Plot Coordinator.*

M) Duties and Responsibilities of the Sustainable Business Chair(s):

- 1) Serve as main liaisons between EAB and commerce-related campus groups.*
- 2) Work with administration and in general to encourage sustainable commercial and purchasing policies on campus.*
- 3) Work with local businesses to help implement sustainable commercial policies.*

N) Duties and Responsibilities of the Volunteer Chair(s):

- 1) Organize three (3) volunteer activities per quarter that include either campus or community efforts. Activities include tree planting, restoration projects, and beach cleanups.*
- 2) Work with Goleta Valley Beautiful to maintain EAB tree projects.*
- 3) Explore the possibilities for restoration projects on campus and in the community.*
- 4) For all beach cleanups, work with the Coastal Fund's Coastal Service Program to earn funds for the group to donate to worthy causes.*

O) Duties and Responsibilities of the Campus Affairs Chair(s):

- 1) Work with campus administration on environmentally and sustainability related issues.*
- 2) Work with the campus sustainability coordinator to keep EAB members informed on campus sustainability and environmental issues.*
- 3) Attend Campus Sustainability Committee meetings.*

P) Duties and Responsibilities of the Academic Chair(s):

- 1) *Monitor Academic issues on campus that relate to environmental and sustainability issues.*
- 2) *Develop five (5) environmental and sustainability announcements per quarter to be presented at EAB meetings.*
- 3) *Put out two (2) "Status of the Environment" reports in the Bottom Line per quarter. Ideally, one should be on a local environmental issue, and the other on a state, national, or global issue.*

H) Q) Duties and Responsibilities of the Environmental Education Chair(s):

- 1) Plan, organize and develop an elementary level program to be held weekly at Isla Vista Elementary School, focusing on observation of the local environment, natural history, sustainability, local issues and pollution prevention.
- ~~2) Begin and maintain a garden project at IV Elementary to provide hands-on learning, planting and observation of the life cycles of a variety of plants.~~
- ~~3) Coordinate an Environmental Fair during the spring at IV Elementary for all the students to better understand key environmental issues. This project shall include partnership and assistance with ITP, Surfrider and CALPIRG.~~
- ~~4) Expand the environmental awareness of the UCSB/IV Community through education at events such as, but not limited to, Waste Awareness Week, Earth Day, Arbor Day and the Environmental Conference.~~
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- ~~5) Develop an Arbor Day Festival including information concerning the importance of trees, and native tree planting to improve the local ecosystem.~~
- ~~6) Maintain contacts with the staff of IV Elementary and the National Arbor Day Foundation.~~
- ~~7) Hold at least three (3) office hours per week.~~
- 2) *Collaborate with Environmental Education for the Next Generation to develop similar programs at other schools in Santa Barbara County.*
- 3) *Pursue the implementation of similar programs at other elementary schools in the Santa Barbara area.*
- 4) *Coordinate an Environmental Fair during the spring at IV Elementary for all the students to better understand key environmental issues.*
- 5) *Expand the environmental awareness of the UCSB/IV Community through education at events such as, but not limited to, waste awareness week, Earth Day, Arbor Day and the Environmental Conference.*
- 6) *Maintain contacts with the staff of IV Elementary and all other programs.*

R) Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary:

- 1) *Take minutes at both EAB Officer meetings and EAB regular meetings. Minutes should be emailed weekly to the EAB Staff Adviser.*
- 2) *Maintain the EAB Email List-serve.*
- 3) *Create and maintain general EAB group contact lists.*

S) Duties and Responsibilities of the Treasurer:

- 1) Develop an annual and quarterly budget for EAB.*
- 2) Serve as main financial officer for EAB requisitions.*

T) Duties and Responsibilities of the Historian:

- 1) Maintain records of EAB volunteer activities, news, events, and campaigns.*
- 2) Develop an annual scrapbook that compiles the group's activities.*
- 3) Look into the history of EAB and note key facts from the past.*

U) Duties and Responsibilities of the Representatives:

- 1) Maintain consistent contact between EAB and the respective organization.*
- 2) Keep EAB informed of the respective organization's activities and projects.*
- 3) Representative assignments include, but are not limited to, the following: Coastal Fund, AS Recycling, The Green Initiative Fund, Campus Sustainability Committee.*
- 4) If voting membership is desired, the representative must formally commit to the Co-Chairs that he/she will fulfill voting membership requirements, established in section (G).*

V) Duties and Responsibilities of the Coordinators:

- 1) Coordinate associated activities assigned by EAB.*
- 2) Keep EAB informed of the progress of the activities.*
- 3) Coordinator assignments include, but are not limited to, the following: Adopt-a-Block, Hiking, EAB Garden.*
- 4) Send weekly reminder emails to all interested members.*
- 5) If voting membership is desired, the coordinator must formally commit to the Co-Chairs that he/she will fulfill voting membership requirements, established in section (G).*

W) Duties and Responsibilities of the Working Group Leaders:

- 1) Serve as the lead organizer for a project, to be approved and assigned by EAB.*
- 2) Keep EAB informed of the working group's progress.*
- 3) Keep record of names, emails, and numbers of participating members.*
- 4) Working groups and leadership roles will be developed by EAB as needed.*
- 5) If voting membership is desired, the working group leader must formally commit to the Co-Chairs that he/she will fulfill voting membership requirements, established in section (G).*

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